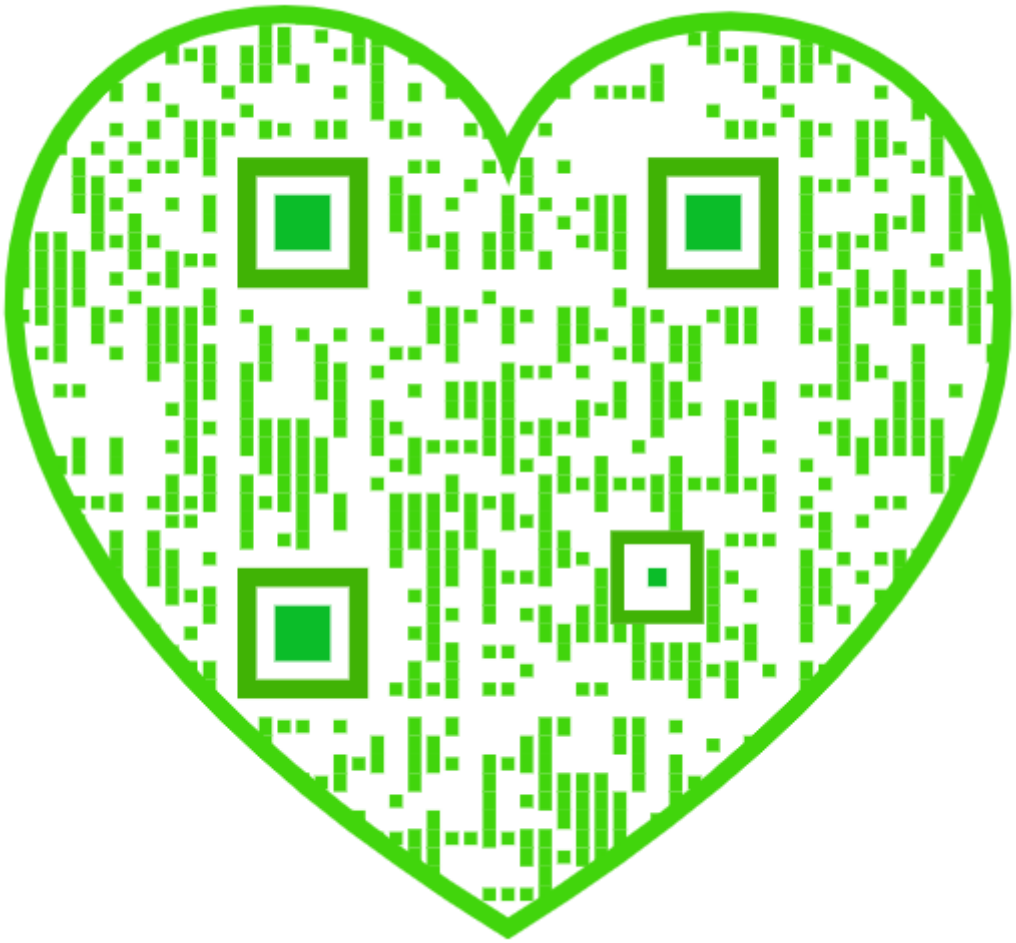

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A NOTE TO THE TEACHER

A CHILD'S book is not the place for a pedagogical treatise on the teaching of reading. The author would only say that this primer may be used by the followers of any method.

The book is constructed on a phonic principle, which makes it particularly easy for that method or for the alphabetic method. At first only one sound of any letter is used, and sufficient drill is given for the pupil to learn that sound before any other is taken. After the first twelve letters only one new thing is taught at a time: this makes the grading of the book uniform and easy.

The word lists are intended to be read, not to be memorized for spelling lessons—at least not when they are first reached, though they will serve that purpose excellently well as a review.

Teachers who prefer the word method or the sentence method will find this book, from the interest and action in its stories, equally well adapted to their wants. Such teachers may omit the first pages, and begin with the reading lesson on page 14.

Whatever method a teacher may begin with, phonics must be taught sooner or later, if the child is to become an independent reader. Therefore, whatever method the teacher uses, a primer presenting words spelled regularly, and easily graded, will be easier to teach than a book that makes no pretension to order or system in introducing new words.

The alphabet of animals, beginning on page 113, is designed to teach the names of the letters; and the song on page 127, to teach their order in the alphabet. These pages give also a review of the whole book; they contain no new sounds.

The method of teaching that the author would recommend is the phonic. A manual on the teaching of phonics, with special application to THE HOWELL PRIMER, is in preparation.

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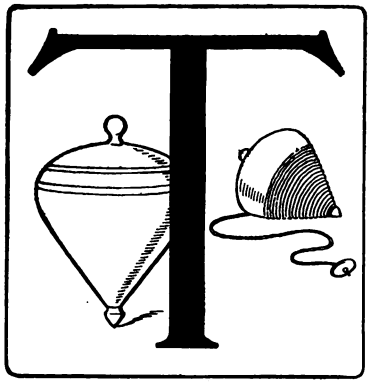

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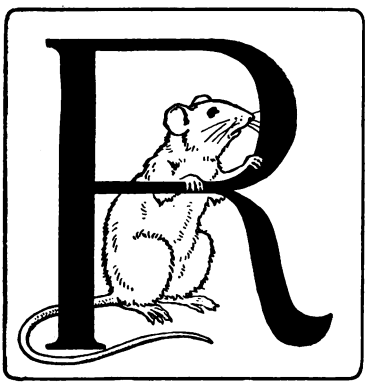

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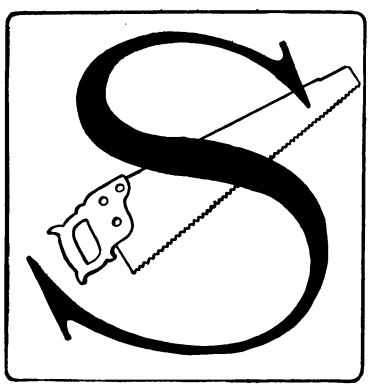

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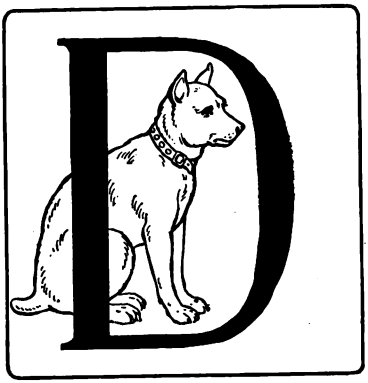

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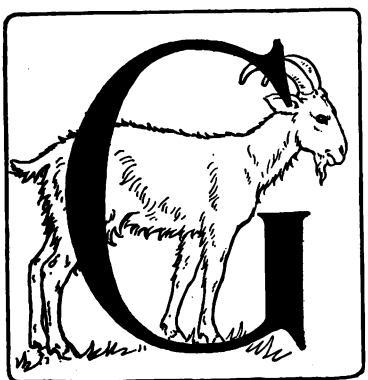

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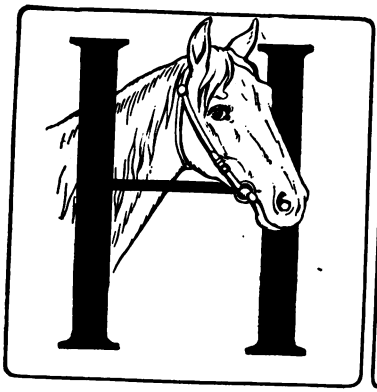

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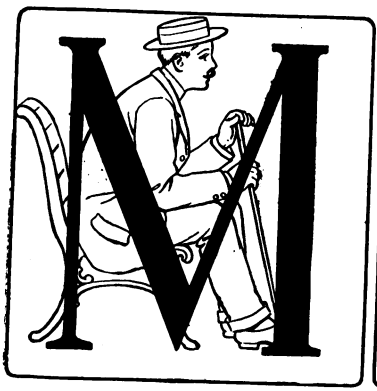

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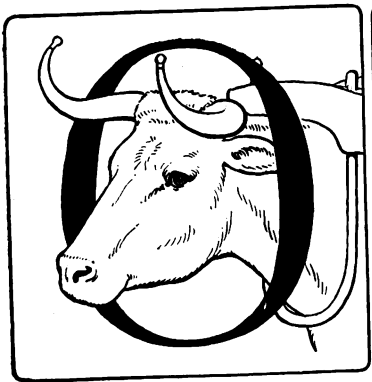

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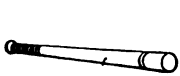

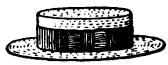

bat rat hat

AT	at		
BAT	bat	BATS	bats
RAT	rat	RATS	rats
HAT	hat	HATS	hats
NAT	Nat	NAT'S	Nat's
MAT	mat	MATS	mats
SAT	sat		

AM	am	BAG	bag
SAM	Sam	RAG	rag
HAM	ham	TAG	tag
RAM	ram	NAG	nag
MAM	mam	GAG	gag

Nat nag Sam

AN	an	ADD	add
ANN	Ann	MAD	mad
MAN	man	SAD	sad
RAN	ran	BAD	bad
TAN	tan	HAD	had
DAN	Dan	GAD	gad
BAN	ban	DAD	dad
NAN	Nan	TAD	Tad
RAB	Rab	ASS	ass
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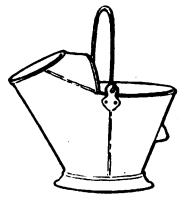
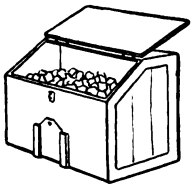
TAB	tab	MASS	mass
NAB	nab	BASS	bass



Don hod Tom

DOT	dot	DOTS	dots
ROT	rot	ROTS	rots
TOT	tot	TOTS	tots
NOT	not		
GOT	got	Bob	hog
HOT	hot	bob	dog
		rob	bog
ODD	odd	mob	
GOD	God	sob	boss
NOD	nod	hob	moss
ROD	rod		toss
SOD	sod	on	
HOD	hod	Don	Tom



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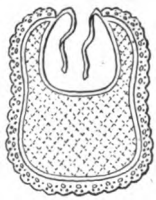


bib

rabbit

IT	it	its	big
SIT	sit	sits	dig
MIT	mit	mits	gig
BIT	bit	bits	rig
HIT	hit	hits	
			bib
in	bid	dim	rib
tin	did	him	nib
sin	hid	rim	
bin	rid	Sim	miss
din	mid	Tim	hiss

rab bit hab it rob in

TAG

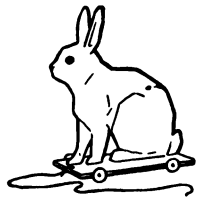
Tag. Tag.
Nat ran at Sam.
Nat hit him.
Tag, Sam, tag.

Sam did not hit Nat.
Nat ran.
Sam did not tag him.
Tag, Sam, tag.

DON

Tag, Don, tag.
Sam hits Don.
Don had Nat's big hat.
Don ran.

Nat ran at Don.
Don bit Nat's hat.
Nat got it.
Sam hits Don.

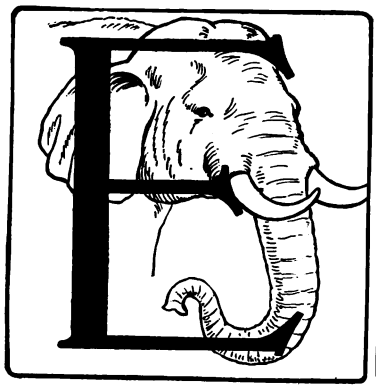


Ann a tin rabbit Dot

A tag	tags	a bad dog	
A rag	rags	a big dog	
A bag	bags	a big rab bit	
A nag	nags	a tin rab bit	
A hog	hogs	Sam's	is
A dog	dogs	rams	his
A bog	bogs	hams	'tis
A bin	bins	Ann's	as
A din	dins	Dan's	has
A sin	sins	Nan's	Bob's
A tin	tins	tans	sobs

ANN'S RABBIT

Ann has a rabbit.
It is Bob.
Dot has a tin rabbit.
Bob is not a tin rabbit.
Bob is a big rabbit.
Bob is not as big as Don.
Don ran at Bob.
Ann got Bob.
Nat got Don.
Bad Don.



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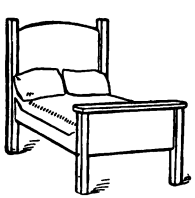
BEN	Ben's	Ed	bet
DEN	dens	Ed's	get
HEN	hens	bed	met
MEN	men's	red	net
TEN	tens	Ned	set
BEG	begs	Ted	mess
EGG	eggs	hem	Bess



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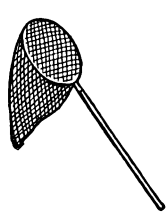

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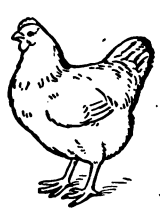
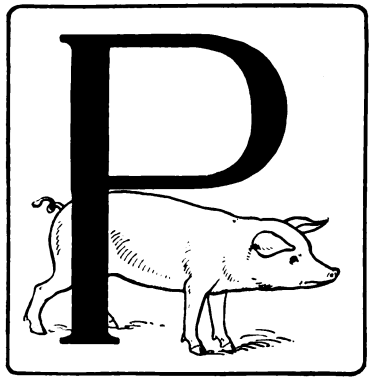


hen

BEN'S HEN

Ben has a red hen.
His hen is big.
Ben is not big.
Ben has a big hat.
His hat has eggs in it.
Ben's red hen has eggs.
Ben's hen sits on eggs.
Get an egg, Ben; get an egg.
Ben's big red hen bit him.
Ben did not get his hen's eggs.



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Pat	pats	hop	hops
Pit	pits	mop	mops
Pet	pets	sop	sops
Pot	pots	top	tops
Pan	pans	pop	pops
Pin	pins	nap	nip
Pen	pens	sap	sip
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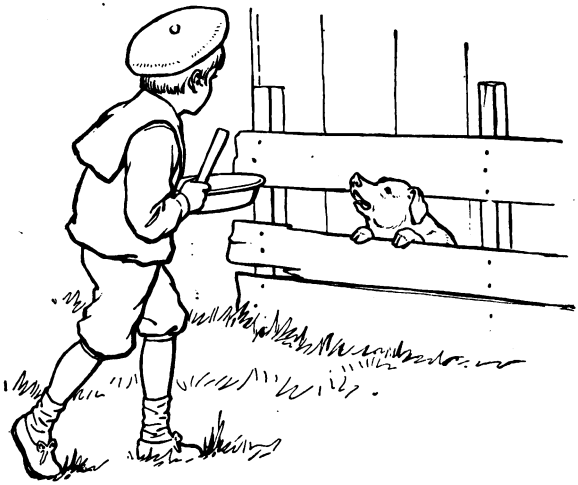
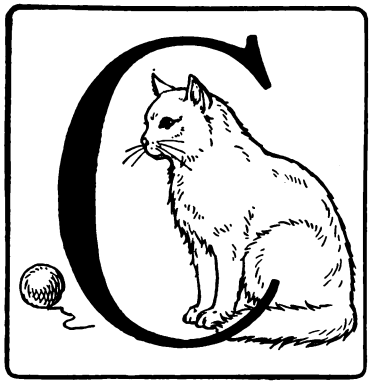
Pass	pass es	map	dip



ED'S PIG

Ed has a pig.
It is Rip.
Rip is not a big pig.
Rip is in a pen.
Ed has a tin pan.
Ed has a peg.
Ed hits his pan.
Tap, tap, tap.
Rap, rap, rap.
"Pig. Pig."



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Cat	cats	Can	cans
Cot	cots	Con	cons
Cab	cabs	Cap	caps
Cob	cobs	Cog	cogs

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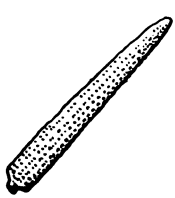

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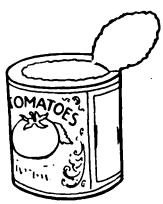

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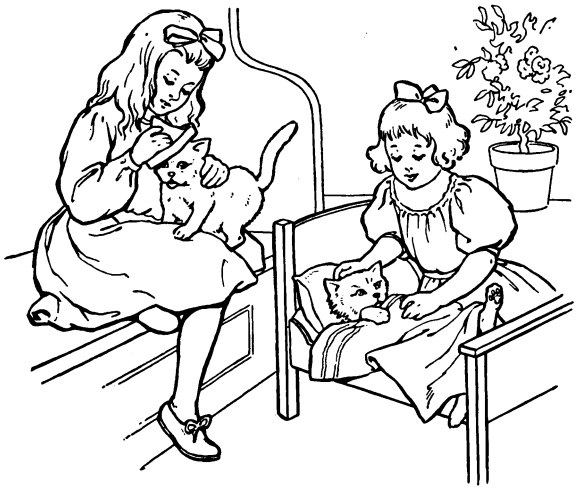
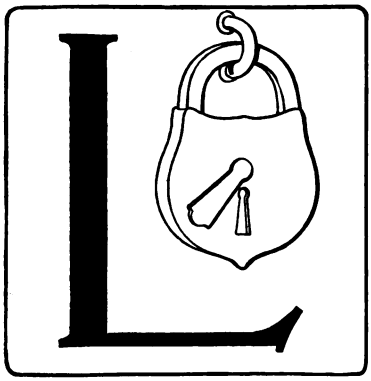


CATS

Ann has a cat.
Dot has a cat.
Tab is Ann's cat.
Tom is Dot's cat.
Ann's cat has a cap.
It is not a big cap.
It is a cat's cap.
Dot's cat is in bed.
It is not a big bed.
It is a cot.



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Lip	bill	bills	sell
Lop	hill	hills	tell
Lad	mill	mills	dell
Lid	rill	rills	Nell
Led	sill	sills	doll
Let	till	tills	Poll
Lit	pill	pills	Moll
Lot	Al	Al's	loll
Lag	Hal	Hal's	lass
Leg	ras cal		less
Log	an i mal		loss

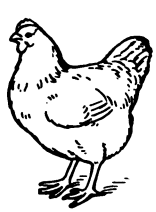
NELL

Nell is Ann's doll.
Nell is in Ann's lap.
Nell is ill.
Ann let Don get Nell.
Bad Don bit Nell's leg.
Nat is a big man.
Nat has a pill.
It is Nell's pill.
It is a bad pill.
Nell is a sad doll.

Them	them	Me	me
Then	then	Be	be
Than	than	He	he
That	that	The	the
This	this		

THE PETS

This is Don.
He is the dog
that had Nat's hat.
He is the dog
that bit Nell's leg.
He ran at Bob.

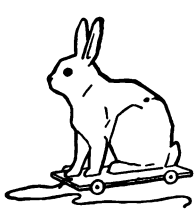


This is Ben's hen.
This is the hen
that sat on eggs.
This is the hen
that bit Ben.

This is Tab.
Tab is Ann's pet.
This is the cat
that had on a cap.

This is Tom.
He is Dot's pet.
This is the cat
Dot had in a cot.

This is Bob.
He is Ann's rabbit.
Bob can hop.
He is Ann's pet.



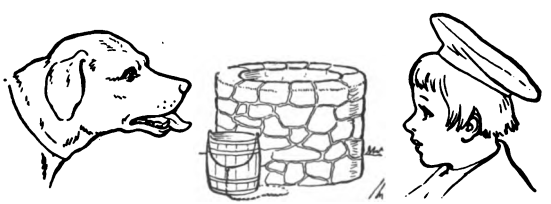
This is
Dot's tin rabbit.
This rabbit
can not hop.
This rabbit
is not a pet.

SALEM FRATERNITY.

W w

W w

WEB	webs	WILL	Will's
WELL	wells	WIT	wits
WET	wets	WIN	wins
WED	weds	WIG	wigs
WE	we	WITH	with



Wag well Will

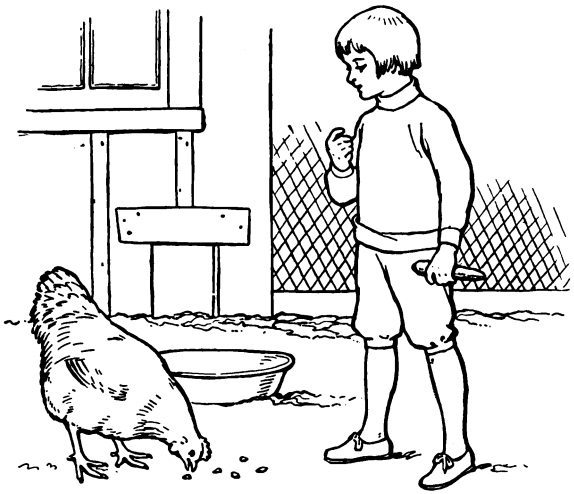
WILL AT THE WELL

Will can not get his cap.
It is in the well.
His cap is wet.
He can not get his wet cap.
A dog is with Will.
It is Wag.
Wag is Will's dog.
Wag can not get Will's cap.
A man is at the well.
The man will get Will's cap.

F f

F f

Fan	or	pond	tent
Fin	nor	fond	went
Fat	for	wind	sent
Fit	form	and	rent
Fell	horn	band	ant
Fill	corn	land	can't
fig	morn	sand	did n't
fog	born	hand	hands
fed	cord	end	ends
fact	sort	lend	lends
if	corn cob	mend	mends
off	Nor man	bend	bends

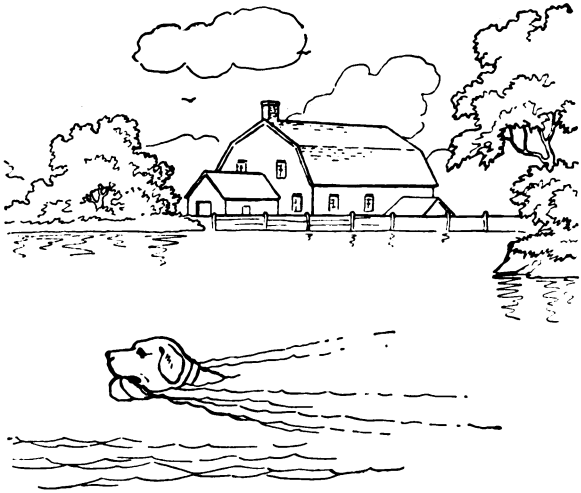


CORN FOR THE HEN

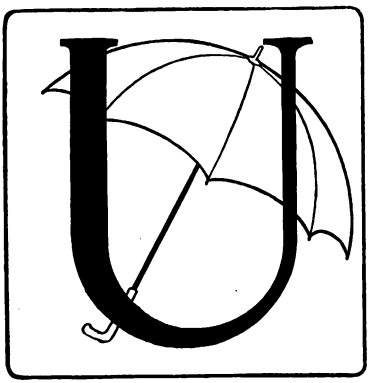
Ben has fed his hen.
This is his big, fat, red hen.
The hen sat on the eggs.
Ben fed the hen with corn.
Ben has a corncob.
The cob had corn on it.
Ben got the corn off the cob.
He got it off for his hen.
The hen got off the eggs.
The hen ran for the corn.

THE MILL POND

Will is at the mill pond.
He has a net in his hand.
This is Norman with Will.
He has a rod in his hands.
Norman can bend his rod.
Wag is with the lads.
He is in the pond.
Wag went in for Will's cap.
Will's cap fell off.
Will sent Wag in for it.



Will's net is on a rod.
It is at the end.
The net has a rent in it.
Will can't mend his net.
Norman tells Will
he can mend the rent.
"Lend me the net, Will."
Will tells Norman
he will lend him the net,
if Norman will lend him
his rod.



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up on	cut	hug	Gus
cup	hut	rug	thus
pup	nut	pug	fuss
sup	rut	tug	gull
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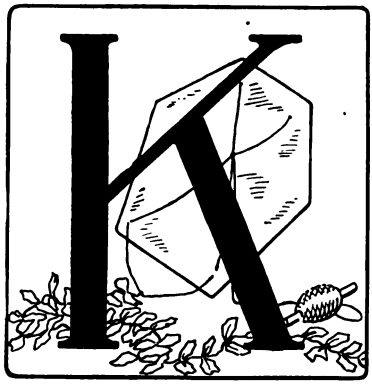
gum	run	lug	puff
rum	sun	rub	cuff
bud	fun	tub	muff
mud	gun	cub	huff
un less	be gun	dub	Buff

BUFF

Sit up, Buff, sit up.
Sit up and beg.
Beg for the bun.
Buff is a pug dog.
He is fat, but he can run.
He ran for the bun.
But Gus had the bun.
If Buff begs for it,
he will get the bun.
Sit up, fat pug, and beg.



K k

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Kit	pack	Nick	duck
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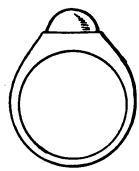
keg	hack	tick	sock
ken	Beck	wick	rock
ken nel	neck	rick	lock
kid nap	peck	kick	dock
kins man	cork	milk	mock
kins men	fork	silk	hock

BECK'S KID

Beck has a kid.
It is Buck.
He has a bell on his neck.
Buck is not a big kid.
He is Beck's pet.
He will lick Beck's hand.
Beck has milk in a mug.
The milk is for the kid.
Buck runs for the milk.
Beck pats the kid.



nest King Ed ring

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best	stop	sit ting	
nest	still	pick ing	
lost	storm	kick ing	
cost	stand	run ning	
fist	stem	morn ing	
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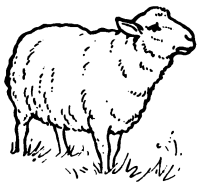
KING ED

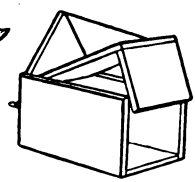
Ring the bell, Ed.
Ring the bell.
Ting a ling, ting a ling,
rings the bell.
Ed is the king at a picnic.
The king stands on a keg.
The king has a bell.
He rings the bell fast.
Then the king tells them:
"Stand in a ring and sing."

Dot and Beck and Ann,
Nat and Ben and Sam,
stand in a ring,
and sing a song.
Beck tells Ed:
"Get off the keg, Ed.
Let me stand on the keg.
Let me ring the bell."

But King Ed tells Beck:
The king must ring the bell.
Beck must not ring the bell.
Beck must stand in the ring,
and sing the song.

King Ed stands on the keg.
The song is long.
The king sings with them.
He rings the bell.
Ting a ling, ting a ling,
rings the bell.





sheep fish trap

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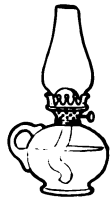

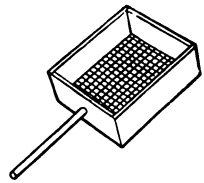

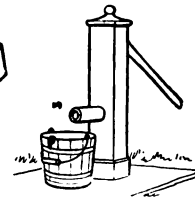

lamp sifter pump

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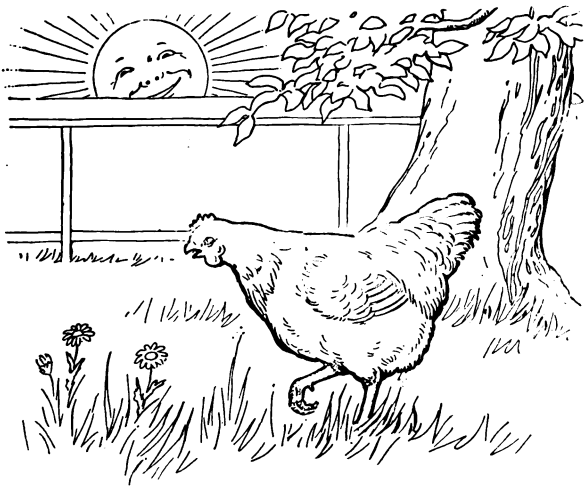


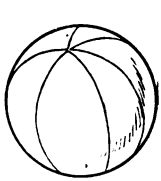
A SUMMER MORNING

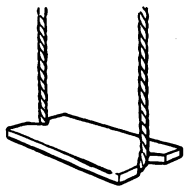
It is a summer morning.
The sun is up.
And Ben's hen is up.
She has left her nest.
She is under the trees.
She is in the green grass.
She is after bugs and grubs.
She gets them in the grass.
The hen gets grit
with the bugs and grubs.

But grit is not bad for hens.
The green grass is damp
under the trees.
The hen tramps in the grass.
She sings a song.

"Ca—a, Ca—a, Ca—a,"
trills the hen.
The hen is a bad singer.
The sun grins at her song.
But he can not hinder the hen.
She still sings her song.
"Ca—a, Ca—a, Ca—a,"
trills the hen.
Grin on, Mister Sun.
It will not bother the hen.

Ben will get up from bed.
He will feed his hen.
Then she will run back,
and sit on her nest.





ball swing frog

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hall	war	Fred	swell
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stall	warn	fresh	swing
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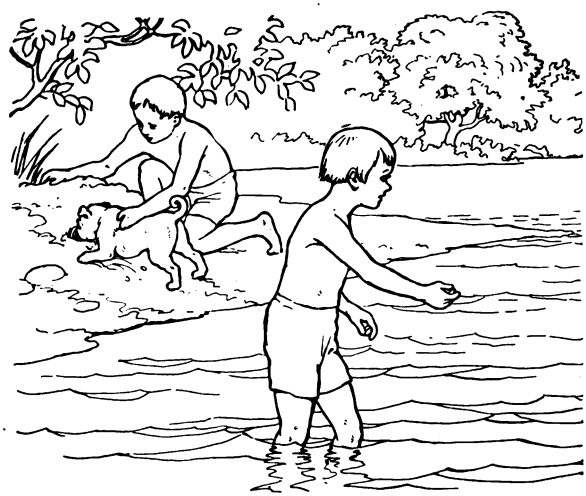
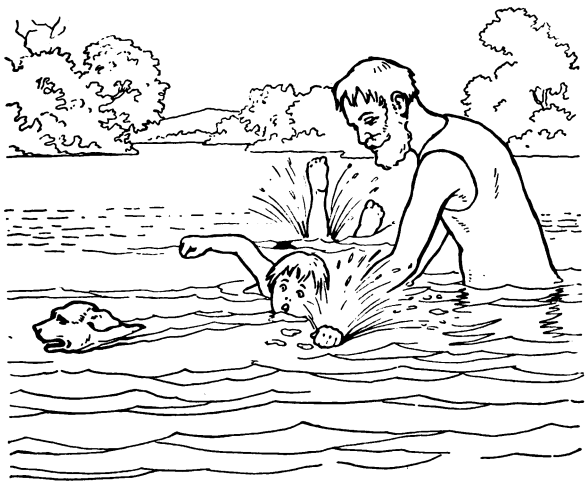


IN SWIMMING

The man has the lads in swimming.
It is a warm summer morning.
And the water is warm.
Will is in the water.
And the man is in the water.
The man is taller than Will.
He is helping Will swim.
"Kick, Will, kick."
Will kicks and kicks.



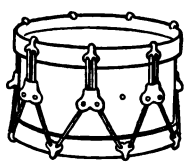
But he can not swim,
unless the man helps him.
Will hits the water with his fists.
The man tells Will he must not hit with his fists.
He must hit with his hands.
Walter can not swim.
He is standing in the water.
But the water is not deep.
He sees the man helping Will.

He sees Will kicking.
The man will let Walter swim.
Then Will can see Walter kick.

Wag is in the water.
All dogs can swim.
But not all men can swim.
Wag is swimming for the land.
Walter is calling him.

Gus is on the warm sand.
He has his ball with him.
He hid his ball in the sand.
Gus tells Buff: "Seek, Buff.
Seek for the ball."
Buff is seeking the ball.

This is the man's pond.
He lets Will and Walter and
Gus swim in the warm water.
This is the pond for fun.



pistol drum hawk

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drop	flap	small	paw
drag	flop	smelt	caw
drug	flat	smash	law
drab	fling	smack	raw
drub	flesh	smut	taw
drift	flash		haw
draft	flush	can non	draw
dress	flee	wag on	awl
drill	flock	par rot	bawl
drill ing		sec ond	shawl
		rib bon	dawn
rub a dub dub		front	lawn

THE DRILL

Rub a dub dub; rub a dub dub;
Rub a dub dub, a dub, a dub.
Big DRUM; big DRUM;
Big DRUM, DRUM, DRUM.

See the lads drilling.
The band is in front.
Walter has a small drum.
Norman has a big drum.
Ed has a horn.

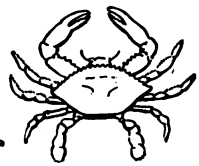
Will has a flag.
Sam has a pistol.
Ben has a gun.
Nat has a cannon.
It is in his wagon.

Gus will drill them.
Gus tells them: "Halt!
Stand still and drill."
Ben drills with his gun.
Up gun. Bang! Bang!

Sam drills with his pistol.
Up pistol. Bing! Bing!
Will drills with his flag.
He flaps it in the wind.

Walter drills with his drum.
Rub a dub dub; rub a dub dub;
Rub a dub dub, a dub, a dub.
Norman drills with his drum.
Big DRUM; big DRUM;
Big DRUM, DRUM, DRUM.
Ed drills with his horn.
He puffs and puffs.
The band drills well.

But Nat can not drill.
Don is running off
with the cannon.
Nat calls: "Halt, Don, halt!"
Nat will run and get
the cannon, if he can.



hound cricket crab

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creek	craft	shout	bound
crash		stout	mound
crush	of	crout	ground
crop		lout	round
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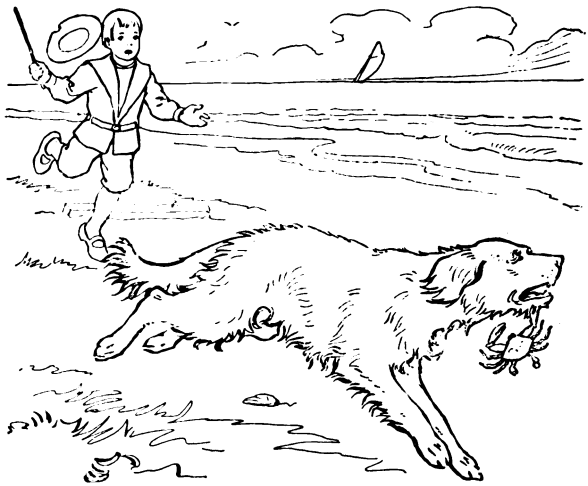


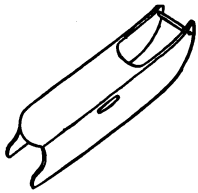
DON AND THE CRAB

Has Don got the crab?
Or has the crab got Don?
A crab is a shell fish.
It swims in salt water.
But a crab has legs.
It can run on the ground.
This crab crept up
out of the salt water.
It ran on the ground.
It hid in the warm sand.

But Don saw the crab
crawling out of the water.
Don bit at the crab.
But he did not get the crab.
The crab bit Don.

Nat is calling out:
"Don, Don, drop that crab!"
But Don can not drop the crab.
And the crab will not drop
from Don.
Don runs and runs.
The crab flops and flops.

Nat shouts: "Stop, Don!
Let me kill the crab."
He calls out loud.
If Don will stop running,
Nat will crack the crab's
shell with a stick.
Then it will drop from Don.



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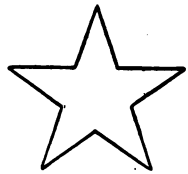

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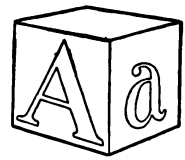

block

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sleek	bless	grasp	start
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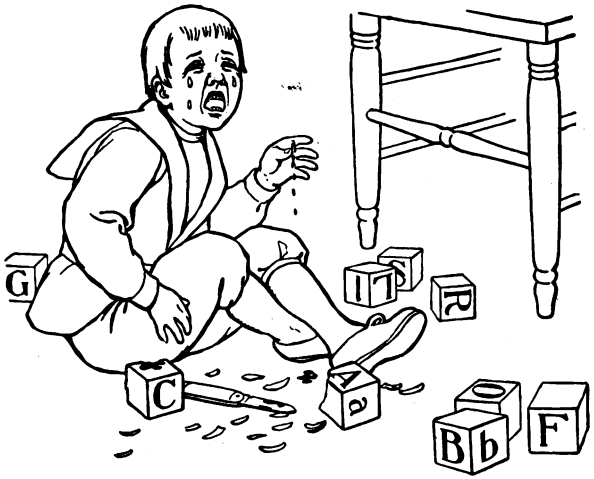


WILL'S FINGER

Will is bawling loud.
He has cut his finger.
Will cut his block.
And he let his hand slip.
It has bled on a block.
Stop bawling, Will.
That will not mend the finger.
Will must not cut his blocks.
It is bad for the blocks.
And it is bad for fingers.

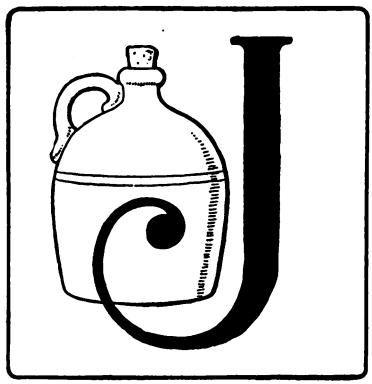
SPINNING TOPS

Carl is spinning his red top.
He spins it with a string.
He grasps it with his hand.
Then he winds the string on.
Then he swings his arm.
And then the top spins.
The string must not be slack.
If the string is slack,
it will slip.
Then the top will not spin.

Carl's string is not slack.
His hand is strong.
He winds the string on well.
His string will not slip.
His top will hum, hum, hum.

Will can not spin his top.
His left hand is in a sling.
He can not wind the string.
Will cut a block.
He let his hand slip.
And he cut his finger.
His finger is better.
But it is not well.
He must let his hand rest.

Carl is bigger than Will.
He can spin a top better.
But if Carl will wind
the string on for him,
then Will can spin his top.



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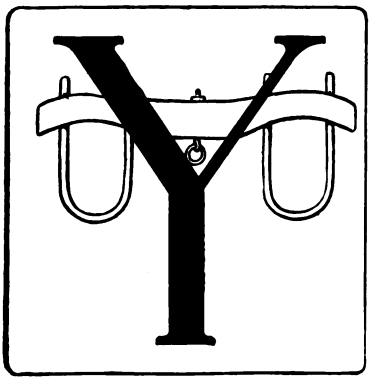
JOCKO

Run, Jess, run.
Jocko has got the jam.
He found it on the shelf.
He is eating out of the jar.
Jocko has bad habits.
He jumps up on the shelf.
He steals jam and cream.
He found eggs in a round dish.
Jocko has a small jacket.
The jacket has a small pocket.

He has an egg in his pocket.
Jocko found a pound of butter.
He got his feet in it.
Jocko found a jug of cream.
But he did not eat all of it.
He let cream spill on the rug.
Jocko has found a jar of jam.
He has just begun eating it.

Run, Jess, and get Jocko.
He must be shut up.
Jess will beat Jocko,
if she can get him.
But Jocko sees Jess.
He will not let her get him,
if he can help it.
He will jump, and run out.
Jess shall not beat Jocko,
if he can help it.
She must run fast,
if she gets bad Jocko.



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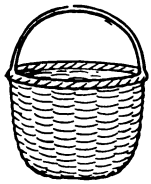
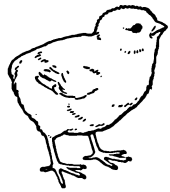
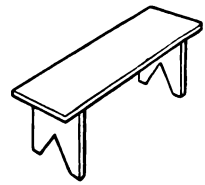
JESS AND JOCKO

Jess is mad.
She found Jocko stealing.
She is beating him for it.
"You will steal the jam and cream; will you?
You will step in the butter; will you?
I told you you must not jump up on the shelf.
I told you you must not steal.

But you won't mind, you rascal."
Jocko is Joe's pet.
Joe tells her: "Don't, Jess.
Don't beat Jocko.
Let him go."
But Jess tells Joe:
"I will beat him, the rascal.
He won't mind me, the rascal.
I won't let him go.
Don't you bother me, Joe."

Jocko yells out loud.
But Jess tells him:
"O, I don't mind your yelling.
Yell all you want, you rascal.
I will beat you
so you will mind me."
But Jess is not hitting hard.
She is not hurting Jocko.
Jocko yells out loud
so that Jess will let him go.

basket chicken bench

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charm	bunch	ink	
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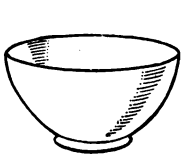
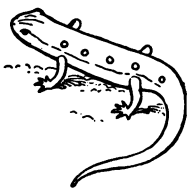
PICKING UP CHIPS

Joe must pick up chips.
Frank is Joe's chum.
Joe begs his chum:
"Won't you help me pick up the chips, Frank?"
But Frank had rather get Jocko out of his kennel.
So he asks Joe:
"Will you get Jocko out if I help you?"

But Joe tells Frank:
"I can't get Jocko out.
He is shut up in his kennel.
Jess found him eating jam,
and drinking cream.
But I will let you see Jocko."
So Frank tells Joe:
"Well, I will help you."

Frank picks up a small chip.
Then he sees the big basket.
And he asks Joe:
"Must we fill the basket?
It is such a big basket."
Joe tells him:
"No, we won't pick up much.
Just pick up the big chips.
Then we will get lunch."
"Yes," begs Frank,
"and let's get Jocko's lunch.
Let's see him eat."





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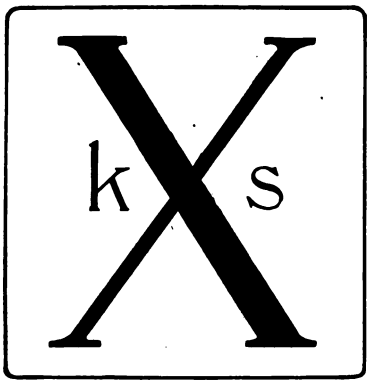
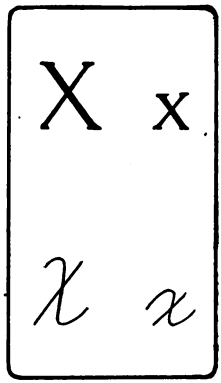
FEEDING JOCKO

Joe is showing Frank Jocko.
Jocko is in his new kennel.
Joe has his lunch in a bowl.
Jocko grins, he is so glad.
He is showing his teeth.
Frank begs Joe:
"Let me throw the things in."
So Joe holds the bowl.
And Frank throws the things
in for Jocko.





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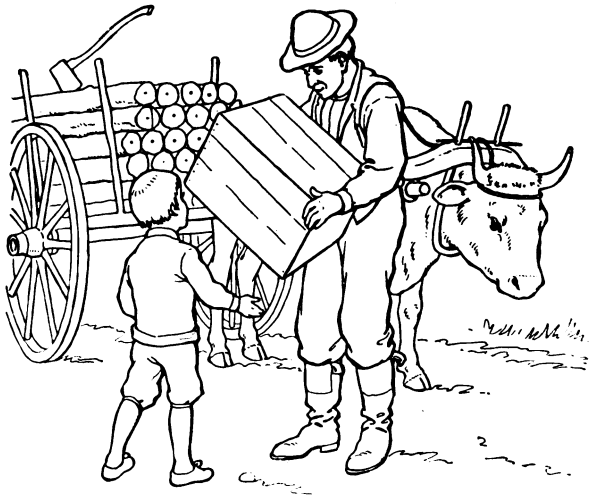
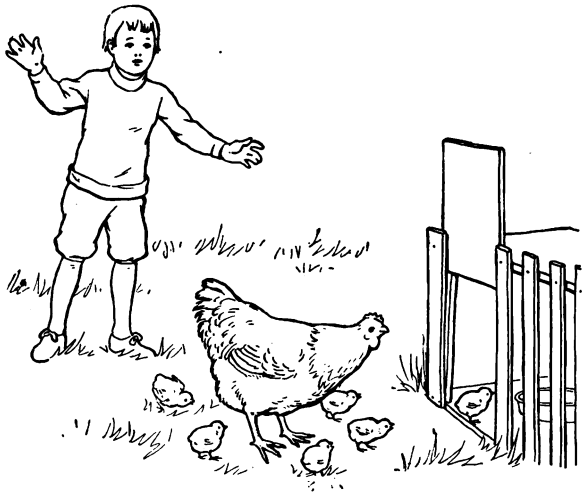


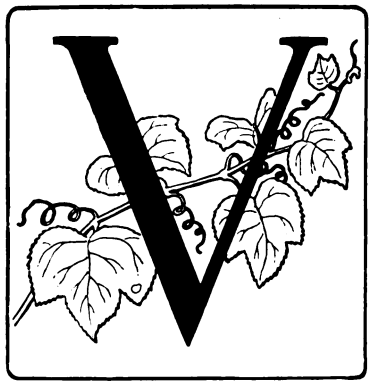
MAX

Max has an ox and a cart.
The ox draws the cart.
Max is hauling logs.
He has been chopping trees.
His ax is stuck in a log.
Max has a box.
Ben asks Max for the box.
He wants the box
for his red hen.
She has six little chicks.



THE LITTLE CHICKS

Cluck, cluck; cluck, cluck.
This is Cluck a Luck.
She has been sitting on her nest for three weeks.
Cluck a Luck left her nest this morning.
She will not go back.
She has six little chicks.
Ben will shut her in the box till the chicks grow strong.



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VIXEN

"Val! Val!" Max calls out.
Val comes, and Max tells him:
"I have something for you."
"O, I see; it is a little pup."
"No," Max tells him,
"this is a little fox.
I call her Vixen.
She is not grown yet.
She is a little cub."
"Is she for me?" asks Val.

SALEM FRATERNITY.

"Yes, I will give you the fox,
if your mother will let
you keep her."
"O, thank you, Max.
Mother will let me keep her.
She can live in our yard."
But Max tells Val:
"You must not let the fox
run about in the yard.
She will eat little chickens."

"We have some boxes in our
back yard," Val tells him.
"We have a big one
that Vixen can live in."
"Well, shut her up
in one of the big boxes.
I will fix it up for a kennel
for Vixen.
But you must not let the
chickens come near the fox."

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Quit	girl	flirt	fear
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quilt	birth	shirk	clear
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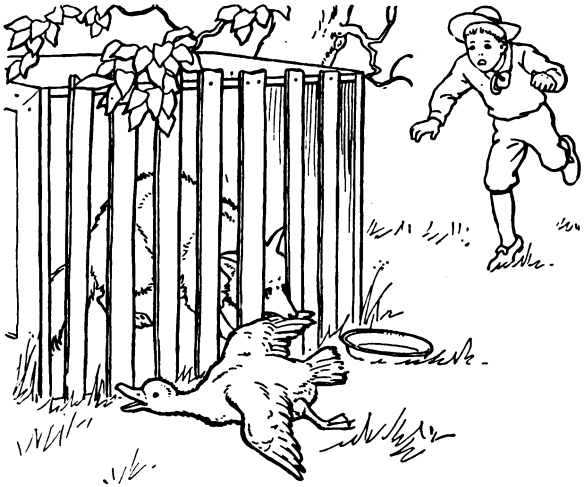
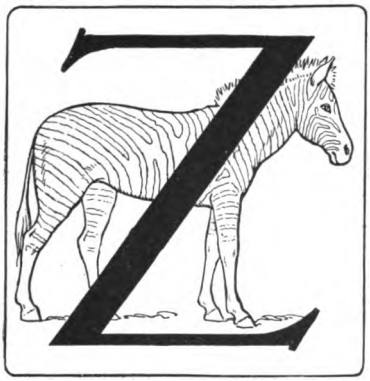


VAL'S DUCK

"Quack! quack! quack!"
Hear Val's duck squawking.
Run, Val, run. Be quick.
Vixen has got a duck.
"Quack! quack! quack!"
squawks the duck.
"Let me go. Let me go."
Quit, Vixen, quit.
You must not eat that duck.
Run, Val, run quick.



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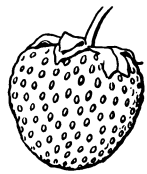
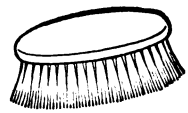
LIZZIE AND ZIP

This little girl is Lizzie.
Lizzie has a gray squirrel.
She calls the squirrel Zip.
The squirrel loves Lizzie.
For she is a kind little girl.
Lizzie has some nuts.
She shows Zip the nuts, and
calls: "Come, Zip, come."
Zip comes running.
And Lizzie gives him the nuts.

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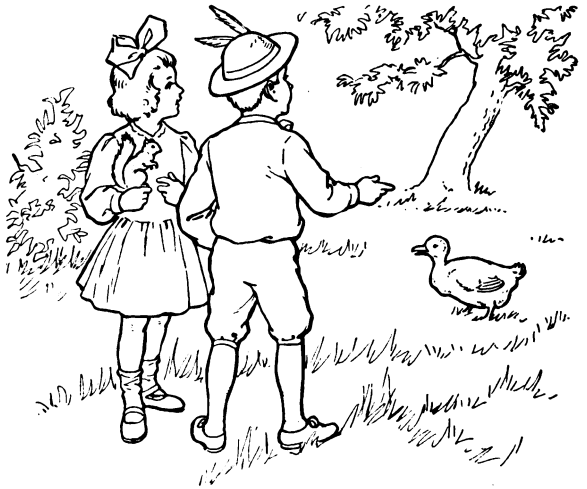

LIZZIE AND VAL

Lizzie has come to see Val.
She has come to show her
little squirrel to Val.
"Whose is it, Lizzie?" he asks.
"Is it your squirrel?"
"Yes. Do you love squirrels?
Do you want to hold him?
Zip will love you,
if you are kind to him."
Then Val sees a duck coming.

"O, Lizzie," he asks, "do you
see that duck coming?
Vixen got her this morning."
"Who is Vixen?" asks Lizzie.
"O, haven't you seen Vixen?
She is a little cub fox.
Vixen is not grown yet.
I got her from Max."
"Did Max give her to you?"

"Yes, and we have to keep her
shut up in her kennel.
For foxes are fond of ducks.
Vixen will eat them,
if she can get hold of them.
This morning one of our ducks
went to Vixen's kennel.
She wanted some of Vixen's
dinner.
But Vixen did not want to
give the duck her dinner.

Vixen wanted a duck
for her own dinner.
So she bit at the duck.
She got hold of a wing.

'Quack! quack!' went the duck.
I ran to Vixen's kennel.
I saw the duck
flapping one of her wings.
The fox had the other wing.
I hit Vixen,
and she let the duck go.
But the fox got two quills."

You can see the two quills
of the duck in Val's hat.
Lizzie asks Val to let her
see the little fox.
"Well, come with me, Lizzie,"
Val tells her;
"And I will show you Vixen."

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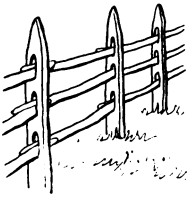
Alice



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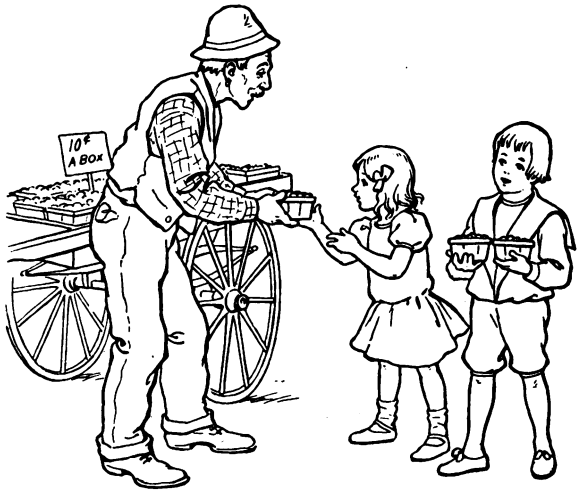

THE BERRY MAN

"Strawberries! strawberries!
Ten cents a box."
Harry tells the berry man:
"We want three boxes."
"That will be thirty cents,"
the berry man tells him.
Harry gives him thirty cents.
Then Harry tells Alice:
"I will carry two boxes.
And you carry the other one."

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ALICE SHOPPING

Alice is down town shopping. She is going to have a birthday party.

"Have you any apples, Mr. Smith?" asks Alice.

"O, yes, I have many kinds of apples," says Mr. Smith.

"How much are these apples?"

"Thirty cents a peck," he says.

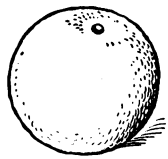
"Please send me one peck."

"Have you any candy,
Mr. Smith?" asks Harry.
"O, yes, how many pounds
do you want?"
"How much is it a pound?"
"Fifteen cents a pound."
"Please send us two pounds.
Alice is going to have
a birthday party."

"How many birthdays have
you had, Alice?"
"I am six to-day," says Alice.
"You are getting to be a big
little girl," says Mr. Smith.
"I will send you some nuts
for a birthday present."
"O, thank you, sir."
Mr. Smith says, to tease Alice:
"Whose ugly puppy is this?"
Alice says: "That is Prince.

He is not an ugly puppy.
He is very pretty.
Prince is smart. He can speak.
Speak, Prince, speak."
"Bow! wow!" says Prince.
"I must give him something to
eat for that," says Mr. Smith.
"Say 'Thank you,' Prince."
"Bow! wow!" says Prince.

"Please send these things.
Mother will pay you."
"Very well," says Mr. Smith.
"But carry this with you now."
He gives them two lolly pops.
"O, thank you, sir,"
Harry and Alice both say.
As the children start to go,
Mr. Smith says to Alice:
"I wish you a merry party
and many happy birthdays."



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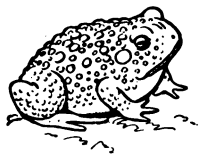

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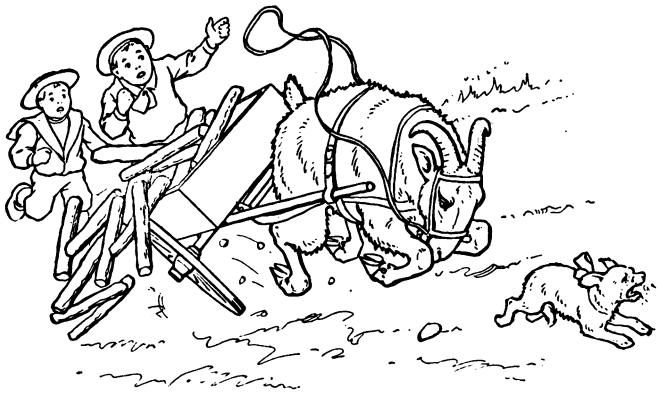

GEORGE'S GOAT

"Ho! Billy, ho!"
Billy is running away.
He is throwing out the wood.
"Ho, Billy!" shouts George.
"Stop, Billy!" shouts Hubert.
Billy is a large goat.
He has horns on his head.
But he is a gentle goat.
He will not butt George and
Hubert with his head.

The lads are hauling wood.
It is not a heavy load.
They are in the big road.
They were going along well.
But Billy is not fond of dogs.
The goat will butt them,
if they bark at him.
Prince saw Billy coming.
He ran out and began to bark
at the goat.

"Bow! wow!" went Prince.
Billy shook his head,
and he started for Prince.
Prince ran away yelping.
Billy did not get him.
But he threw the load of
wood out of the cart.
George and Hubert must run
and get the goat.
They must pick up the wood.

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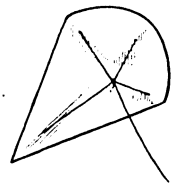

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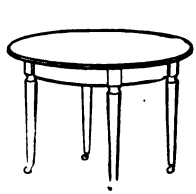
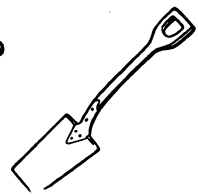
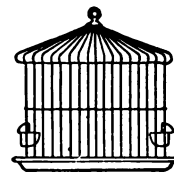

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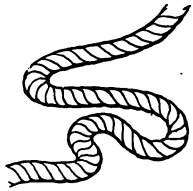

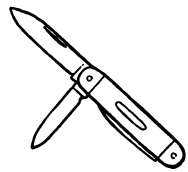

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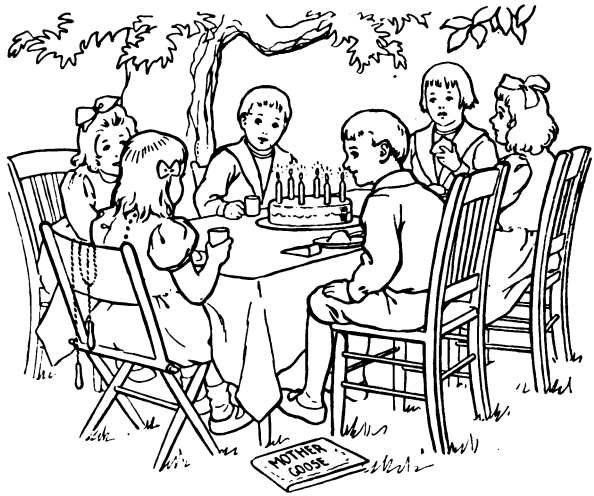


ALICE'S PARTY

Alice has invited two boys
and two girls to her party.
Brother Harry makes five, and
Alice makes six children.
Alice sits at the head
of the table.
Harry is at the foot.
Lizzie and George are next
to Alice.
Hubert sits beside Lizzie.

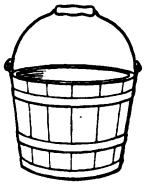
Kate sits beside George.
You have not seen her before.
Kate lives in New York City.
Alice lives in a village.
Kate is visiting Alice.

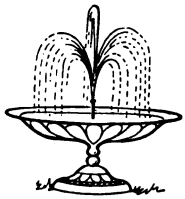
These children gave Alice
some very pretty presents.
Harry gave her a knife.
Hubert gave her a red pencil.
Kate gave her a picture book.
Lizzie gave a jumping rope.
George gave a looking glass.

They have been playing games.
They have been looking at
the picture book.
Now they are at the table.
Each has a slice of cake
and a plate of ice cream.
They enjoy this supper.

A nice large cake is in the center of the table.
It has a candle for every one of Alice's birthdays.
The cake looks very fine.
After supper Alice will blow out the candles.
Her mother will take the candles off the cake.
Then each child will cut a large slice out of the cake.

The cake has a dime in it.
They will cut for the dime.
Each one hopes he will get it.
For they say that the one who gets the dime,
will have good luck.
But Alice's mother tells them that every good child will have good luck.





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St. (saint) St. Ives

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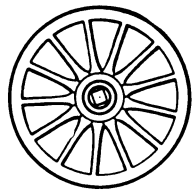

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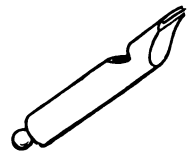

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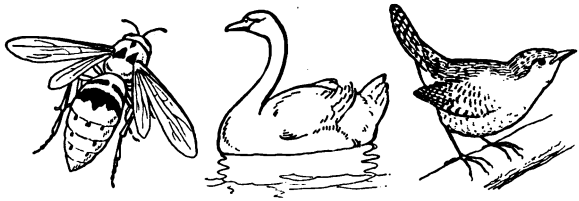

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ASKING RIDDLES

Mrs. Jones is Alice's mother.
She is asking riddles:
"As I was going to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven sacks;
Each sack had seven cats;
Each cat had seven kits:
Kits, cats, sacks, and wives,
How many were there
Going to St. Ives?"

"I have heard that before," says Kate.

"There was just one going to Saint Ives."

"Yes, Kate, that is right. Now, what is this?

White sheep, white sheep,
On a blue hill,
When the wind stops,
You all stand still.
When the wind blows,
You walk away slow.
White sheep, white sheep,
Where do you go?"

Then Mrs. Jones looks up at the blue sky, and says:

"I see some white sheep now."

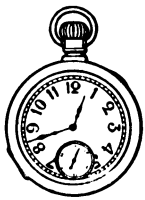
Lizzie looks up and says:

"Are the white sheep clouds?"

"Yes. Now what is this:

I have a little sister;
Her name is Peep Peep:
She wades in the water,
Deep, deep, deep:
She climbs on the mountain,
High, high, high;
But, O, my little sister
Has but one eye."

"I give that up," says George.
"Look up at the sky again."
"O, I see; it's a star."
Then Lizzie and George and
Hubert say:
"It is time for us to go home."
When they go, Alice says:
"Good night;
Sleep tight;
Wake up bright
With the morning light,
To do what's right
With all your might."



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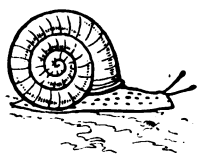

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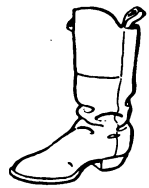

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itch	snout	soon	spoon
ditch	snort	tool	shoot
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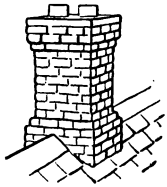

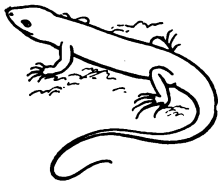

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MOTHER GOOSE

Mrs. Jones is reading out of Alice's picture book.
The name of the book is MOTHER GOOSE.
It has many good rimes in it.
This is the book that Kate gave Alice on her birthday.
The children like MOTHER GOOSE very much.
This is what Mrs. Jones reads:

If I'd as much money
As I could spend,
I never would cry:
Old chairs to mend,
Old chairs to mend,
Old chairs to mend;
I never would cry:
Old chairs to mend.

I like little pussy;
Her coat is so warm;
And if I don't hurt her,
She'll do me no harm.
So I'll not pull her tail,
Nor drive her away;
But pussy and I
Very gently will play.

When it rains children say:
Rain, rain, go away;
Come again another day;
Little Johnny wants to play.

If wishes were horses,
Beggars would ride;
If turnips were watches,
I'd have one by my side.

The three children say:
"That is a good one."
"I would have a little gold watch then," says Kate.
"So would I," says Alice.
But Harry says:
"I would have a little pony.
Now read about this rooster."

Cock crows in the morn
To tell us to rise;
And he who lies late
Will never be wise:
For early to bed,
And early to rise,
Is the way to be healthy
And wealthy and wise.

Then Mrs. Jones tells them:
"Now it's time for you little chickens to go to roost."
But Harry begs her:
"Please read just one more."
"Well, I will read this for Harry," says his mother:

Eye winker,
Tom tinker,
Nose dropper,
Mouth eater,
Chin chopper,
Chin chopper.

While Mrs. Jones reads this, she puts her finger on Harry's eyes and his mouth; and pulls his nose; and chucks him under the chin.
The girls clap hands, and say:
"That is the best rime of all."

ABC
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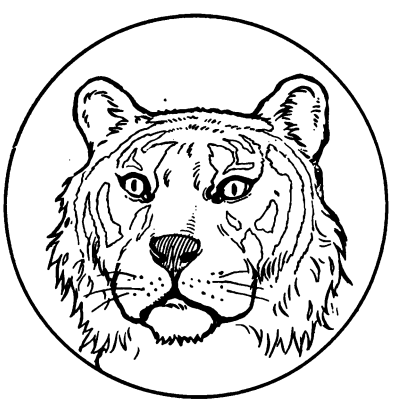
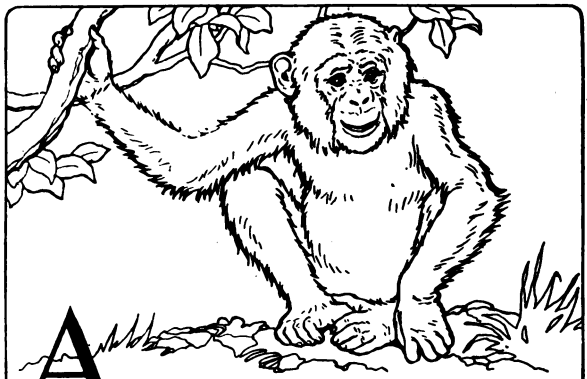
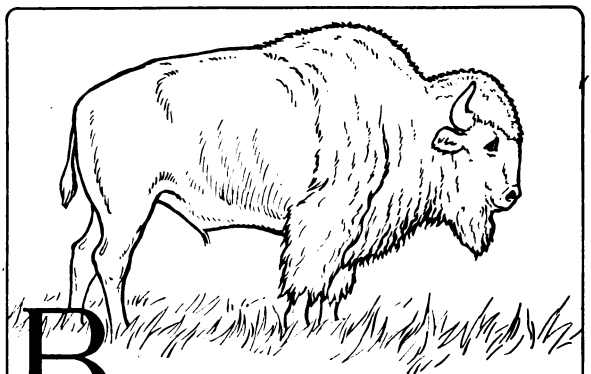
ANIMALS





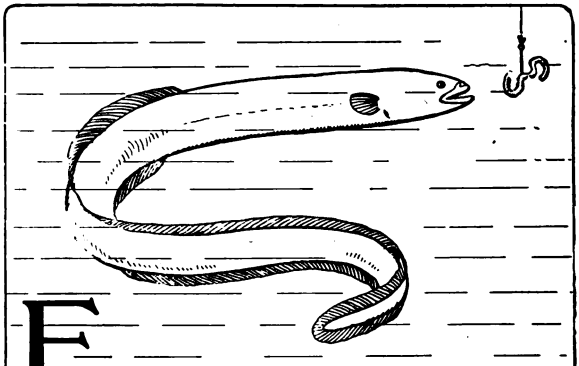
A is for ape;
Like a man he can walk;
He can chatter and grin,
But an ape can not talk.



B is for buffalo,
Heavy and strong;
His horns are quite short,
But his mane's very long.

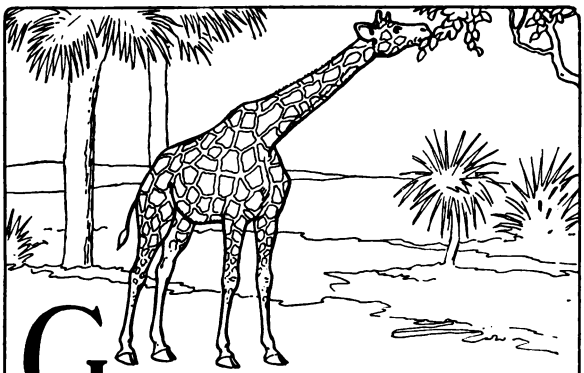
C is for civet,
A queer kind of cat;
A perfume is made
Of a part of his fat.

D is for deer;
His antlers wide spread
Look just like a tree
Growing out of his head.

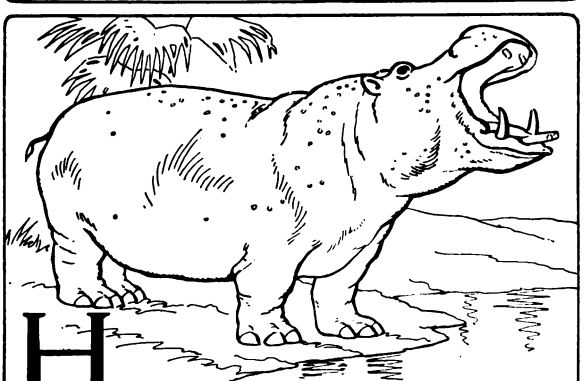


E is for eel;
It may look like a snake,
But in fact it's a fish
You can catch in the lake.

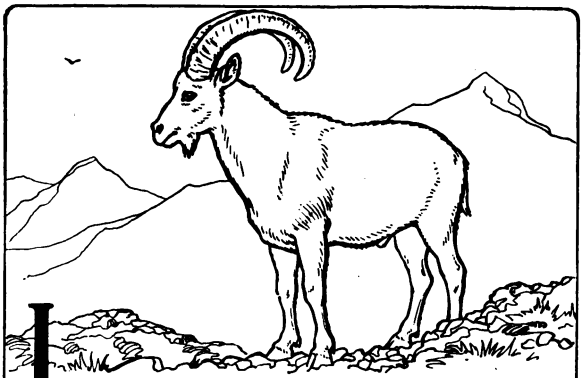
F is for fox,
So crafty and sly;
When he prowls around
The hens must roost high.



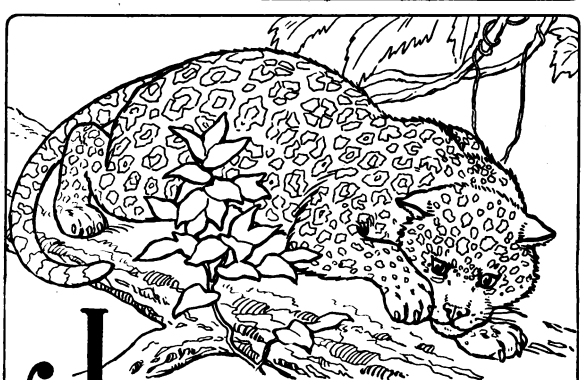
G is giraffe,
With his head in the air,
The better to nibble
The branches up there.



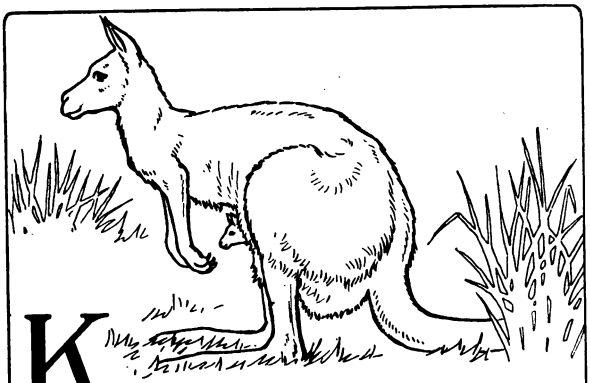
H hippopotamus;
See his big nose,
His small eyes and ears
And his short stumpy toes.



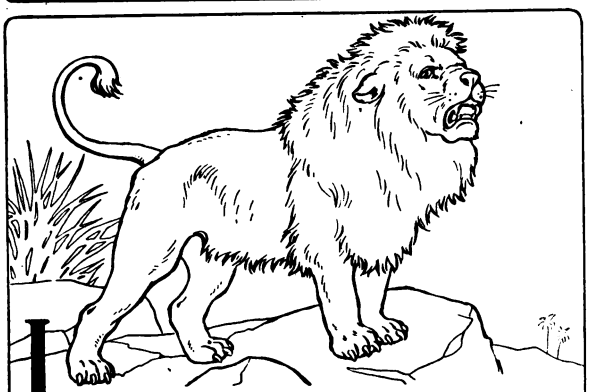
I is for ibex,
A wild mountain goat;
He has long curving horns,
And a beard on his throat.



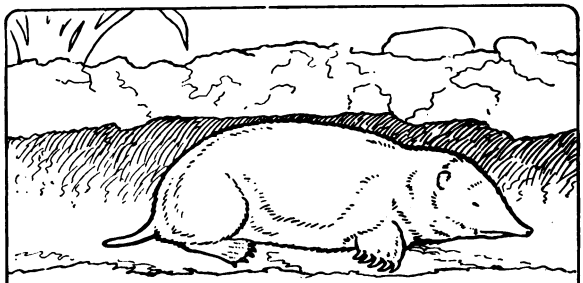
J is for jaguar,
Up on a limb,
To pounce upon creatures
That pass under him.



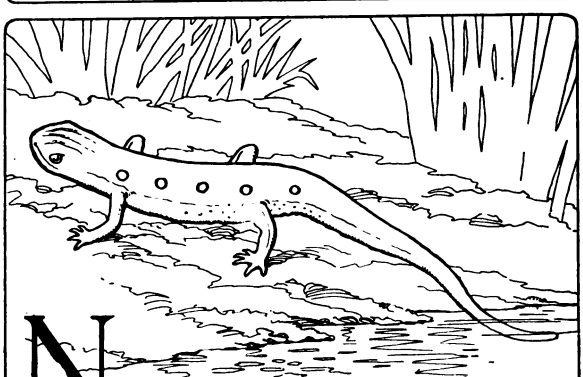
K kangaroo;
She swiftly can hop;
With her babe in her pouch,
She goes miles without stop.



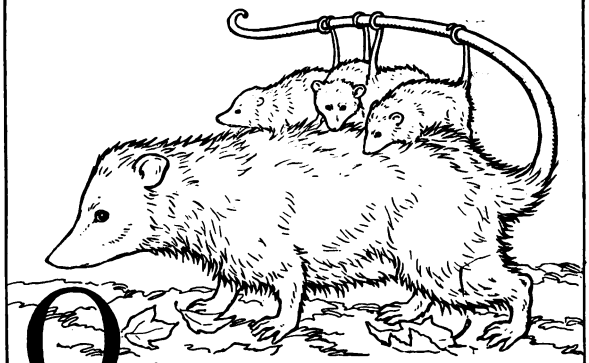
L is for lion;
He roars in the night,
And the beasts in the jungle
All tremble with fright.



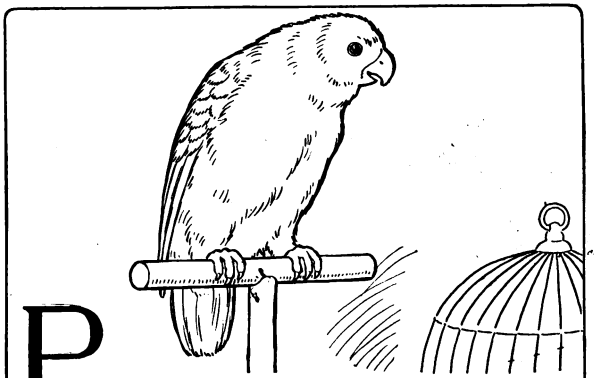
M is for mole,
With his eyes almost blind;
But he lives in the ground,
So the mole doesn't mind.



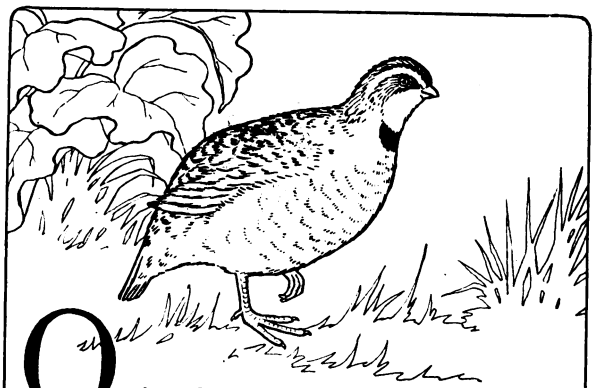
N is for newt,
Which came from the bog;
He looks like a lizard,
But lives like a frog.



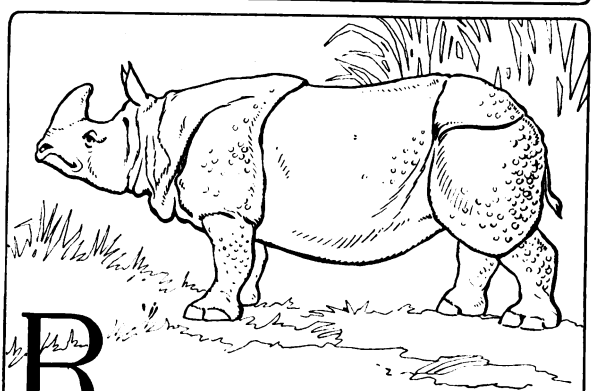
O is opossum;
When she has to pack,
She carries her family
Off on her back.



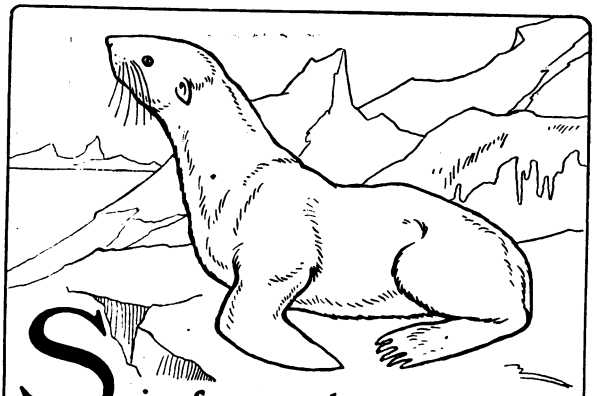
P is for parrot,
A pretty, green bird;
When she talks you would
Think it a person you heard.



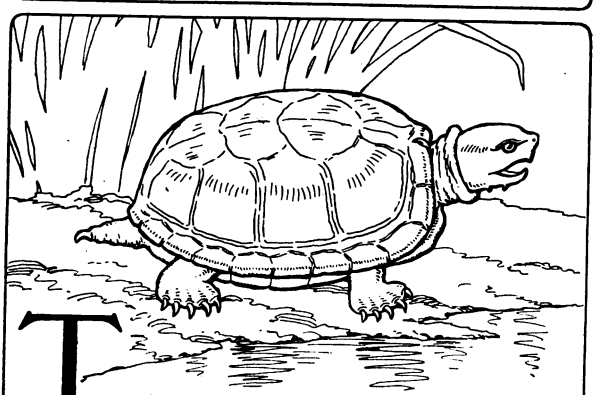
Q is for quail;
From morning till night,
On a long summer day,
He whistles, "Bob White."



R is rhinoceros,
Savage and stout,
With a very thick hide,
And a horn on his snout.

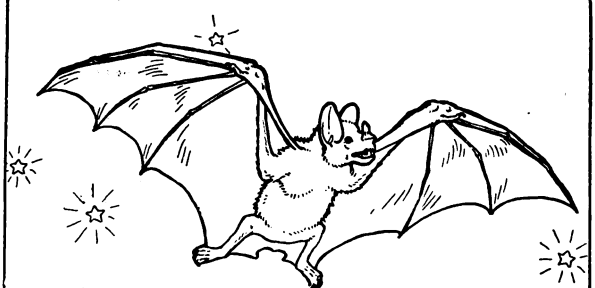


S is for seal,
From the land of the snow;
He can swim like a fish,
But he walks very slow.



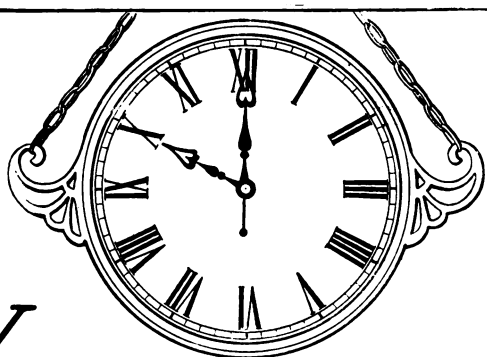
T is for turtle,
Which has a hard shell;
He can live upon land,
And in water as well.

U is unau, or sloth;
Thro the tree tops he goes,
And hangs on the limbs
By his very long toes.

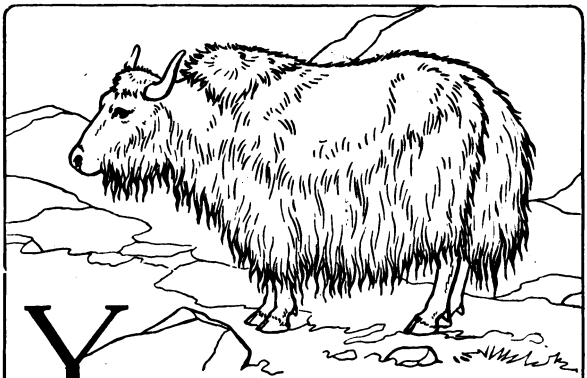


V is for vampire,
A very big bat;
Tho it flies like a bird,
It's a beast, for all that.

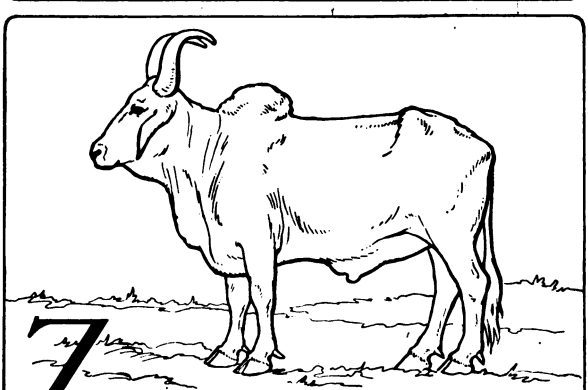
W is for weasel,
The foe of the rat;
To clean out these vermin
He beats any cat.



X stands for no word
That you know of, but when
You are counting, you some
Times may write X for 10.



Y is for yak,
Which needs his long hair
To keep himself warm
In the cold mountain air.



Z is for zebu,
An ox, it appears,
With a hump on his back,
And long, drooping ears.

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